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## COLLEGE.

### Concerning the Departments of Study.

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### PREPARATORY DEPARTMENT.

In this department two courses are offered, namely: Common School Course, and the Preparatory Course. The Common School course has for its aim to furnish a thorough education in the common branches, both for those who do not expect to acquire a higher education, and those who intend to take the Preparatory course in this institution. It is open to all white young men and women of good moral character, no matter what their previous training has been. The most backward as well as the most advanced can choose exactly suited to his or her needs. This course includes all the studies of the Common Schools of Kentucky.

The Preparatory course aims to prepare students for the Normal, Commercial, Teachers, and Scientific courses of this institution. Before entering the work of the Preparatory course he must have had all work of the Common School course or its equivalent. The Preparatory course includes Reading, Spelling, Penmanship, Letter-writing, Composition, Rhetoric, Outlining, Grammar, Literature, Practical Arithmetic, Mental Arithmetic, Higher Arithmetic, Elementary Algebra, Higher Algebra, Advanced History of the United States, Kentucky History, Civil Government, Advanced Geography, Physiology, Latin and English.

### NORMAL DEPARTMENT.

Three courses are offered in the Normal Department of the Kentucky Normal College: County Certificate Course, State Certificate Course, and a Diploma Course. The purpose of the County Certificate Course is to give young men and women such intellectual training as will enable them to pass successfully the examinations for first class County Certificate, and to lay the foundations of thorough preparation for the program of teaching. The work of this course includes Higher Arithmetic, Mental Arithmetic, Elementary Algebra, and Theory and Practice of Teaching, and a complete review of the work in Reading, Spelling, Penmanship, Arithmetic, Grammar, History, Kentucky History, Rhetoric and Composition.

One will be admitted to the Certificate Course who does hold a first class County Certificate from some county of Kentucky and has not taught two years in a State. The object of this course is to give a broader culture, and professional training to the teacher, and to prepare for the examinations for State Certificate. The course includes Higher Arithmetic, Mental Arithmetic, Elementary Algebra, History of British and American Literature, Masterpieces of British and American Literature, Elementary Psychology, Advanced Pedagogy, History of Education, and thorough review and drills in all the common branches.

The State Diploma Course is open to those who hold a State Certificate and those who have completed a State Certificate course. It aims to give a broad and thorough professional training for teaching, and prepare for the State Diploma examination. It includes Advanced Education, Literature, Higher Algebra, and Solid Geometry, Physics, Advanced Psychology, Advanced Pedagogy, Child Study, History of Education, and reviews of all the common branches.

Normal Department of the Kentucky Normal College is under

the direct supervision of the President, Walter M. Byington, who has had greater success in training teachers for the past 14 years than any other man in Eastern Kentucky, and the students of the Kentucky Normal College win the highest grades in the several counties in which they are examined. Louisa ought to be proud of the fact that this school will remove here before the opening of the Fall Term, September 4th, 1906. In our next issue we will speak of the other Departments of the College.

### Concerning a Former Louisian.

The current issue of "The Citizen," a magazine published by the Citizens' Life Insurance Co., has a fine picture of Attorney J. W. M. Stewart, formerly of this city, a director of the Citizens' Company, and along with the picture was the following sketch:

"The son of Judge James E. and Cynthia F. Stewart, the subject of this sketch, J. W. M. Stewart, of Ashland, Ky., a lawyer of ability, a successful man of affairs and a director of the Citizens' Life, was born at Paintsville, Johnson county, Ky., December 3, 1863. From 1876 to 1897, he lived at Louisa, Lawrence county, Ky. During this period he acquired his literary education at Vanderbilt University, graduated from the Law Department, University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor, married Miss Eva J. Southgate, of Newport, Ky., and practiced law with his father, the late James E. Stewart. In 1897 he removed to Ashland, Ky., where he formed a partnership, which still exists, with Hon. John F. Hager. This firm is justly regarded as one of the strongest of the Kentucky Bar, and its practice is large and lucrative. Mr. Stewart has never sought or held political office but has devoted himself exclusively to the practice of his profession except that about three years ago he assumed, in addition to that of General Counsel, the position of General Manager of the Northern Coal & Coke Co., a corporation owning about 300,000 acres of coal land in Eastern Kentucky. He is a fine type of the alert, well-informed and successful man whose services as directors of the Citizens' Life have given the public a solid confidence in the present management and future prosperity of that company."

### Would Rob the Dead.

The following from Saturday's Huntington Herald will be of interest in Louisa, where the gentleman named is quite well known:

"Huntington is becoming famous in the way of people being robbed while being shown the sights of the city in cabs. For some time past there have been complaints made of this, and arrests made in some instances but nothing ever came of it."

"Last night Jacob Patrick, of Prestonsburg, Ky., while at the C. & O. depot, was seized with a fit, to which he is subject. This man was going east on No. 4, but was taken to the Kessler Hospital, being in a terrible condition. Officer Patterson assisted him to a cab, and a young man standing near told him that he would go in the cab with him and assist him to the hospital. Frank Jenkins, the cab driver, drove the parties to the hospital, and the young man asked him to hurry back to the depot as he wanted to catch No. 4."

"This morning when Patrick became conscious, he found that his watch and several dollars in money, which he had on his person, had been stolen from him. He reported the matter to the police, and suspicion points to the man who rode in the cab with him as the guilty party. Efforts are being made to locate him, and he will be brought back to this city. The watch which was stolen was a valuable one."

Jake T. Patrick is from Salyersville, Magoffin county, and is in the U. S. Revenue Service.

### At the Scheduled Time.

A few fifty spoken words said by Rev. L. W. Bryan, of the M. E. Church, made Mr. E. B. (Neb) Boxley and Miss Nona Hammond husband and wife at noon, Thursday, April 26th. As the NEWS said, this was the appointed hour, but there was a delay in procuring the license, and up to the hour of going to press the important document had not arrived. Mr. and Mrs. Boxley are visiting Eastern cities and Richmond, and will live somewhere near his work as a contractor.

## DAMAGE

### Done by C. & O. Railroad to Public Roads Near Louisa.

The county road in the "narrows" just below Louisa was left in a very bad condition by the C. & O. railroad after they made the heavy cut in the hill there. The excavation which the people are expected to use for a road is considerably lower than the railroad track which occupies a position between the road and the river. No drainage is provided. No road bed is thrown up or shaped to any degree whatever. It has more the appearance of an attempt to establish an artificial lake than anything else, and it is due only to the dry season that the place is passable at all. Vehicles are compelled, even at this dry season, to cross the railroad track twice in the narrows. The result is that many people in the part of the county below here are going to Ashland with their teams instead of coming here.

Also, the filling of the first trestle below Louisa has pushed the county bridge out of line and damaged it badly. It is now being braced and repaired so as to permit of its use for a little while longer.

This is an outrage upon the citizens and taxpayers. The railroad company should be forced to make a good road through the narrows and a fill to take the place of the bridge referred to. And the damage required by the delay of the company in doing this important work. If we remember correctly, that road has now been "out of commission" for about eighteen months. The steam shovel was put to work there about that long ago, and the road was absolutely annihilated for several months. Then the company left it without building a county road to replace the one destroyed because they were not compelled to do so. The fill made to take the place of the Fulkerson trestle is very unsatisfactory and in bad condition. It is barely wide enough for one vehicle. The Norfolk & Western railroad just across the river, has been required to replace with good roads all the county roads destroyed or damaged. The C. & O. should have been made to do the same thing.

No more time should be lost in compelling the C. & O. to put in a first class road and good fills, and to come across with the damages accrued.

We learn that the County Judge has already notified the officials of the conditions and of the fact that suit will be filed at once against them unless they give the matter immediate and satisfactory attention.

### And Again the Silver Mine.

Probably in lieu of anything better some of the papers are again rehearsing the old story about Swift's silver mine. The latest yarn comes from the weekly published at Big Stone Gap and uses some familiar names.

"There are many romantic tales told by the first settlers along that trail connected with the organized success of Swift and his counterfeitters. The noted lawyer, Harvey Burns, of Southwest Virginia, used to tell of an experience he once had with the members of the gang somewhere near Pound Gap. In his early days he was going horseback from Abingdon, Va., to his birthplace, on the old Burns farm, 12 miles south of Catlettsburg, Ky. At night fall, somewhere in the breaks of Sandy, he rode up to a small blacksmith shop, beside the trail in a secluded spot in the midst of an ivy and laurel thicket, two men were working at the forge. Judge Burns thinking that they were making horse shoes and nails, dismounted and entered the forge, before the men themselves knew that anyone was in their neighborhood, when, lo, and behold, he saw they were making counterfeit coin. He saw that he was in for a lonely grave in a laurel thicket, and began at once to barter with them for his life. After making many promises and taking a bloody oath, he was allowed to go on his way next morning at sunrise. In fear of his life he kept the whole thing a profound secret until he was an old man. If I remember correctly, Mr. Burns said the men were getting the silver for their coin out of an ore in that vicinity."

## Some Sunday School Gatherings.

The active season of Sunday School work is upon us, and the State Sunday School Association announces some meetings of interest to all Sunday School workers.

August 9-18 the Third Annual Session of the Summer School for Sunday School workers of the Fourth International District, consisting of Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio and Michigan, will be held at Winona Lake, Indiana. An exceedingly strong program has been arranged, and no finer work is done on the School. The total cost for the ten days will range from \$15.00 to \$25.00, American continent than in any other points in Kentucky. The program is now ready.

August 21-23-24 the Forty-First Annual Convention of the Kentucky Sunday School Association will be held at Ashland. A rate of one fare for the round trip is expected. An effort will be made to put 1000 delegates into Ashland. Every Sunday School of every denomination in the State is entitled to representation.

The World's Fifth Sunday School Convention will be held in Rome, Italy, May 20-23, 1907. The cost will range from \$157.50 to \$350.00. This will be a magnificent trip. For detailed information about any of these meetings address E. A. Fox, Louisville Trust Bldg., Louisville, Ky.

## 15 SQUARE MILES

### Of Property Destroyed by the San Francisco Fire.

A well known engineer states that the area devastated by the fire in San Francisco approximates 70,000 acres or about fifteen square miles.

Do you realize the extent of fifteen square miles? No? Maybe we can help you. Travel in your mind due west "over the hill" until you reach Greenbriar. Then due north until you have gone five miles. Then due east about three miles and you will be in the neighborhood of Fuller station, then south until you get back to Louisa. Your route would include about fifteen square miles. Now put into this inclosure 100 banks; some of the finest buildings in the world, thousands of mercantile and manufacturing establishments, and more than 230,000 inhabitants besides 10,000 transients. Imagine nearly all these buildings shaken down, then burned up, and nearly 1,000 of its people killed. This may give you some idea of the awful wreck and ruin.

### Sitting as a Commissioner.

Judge R. E. Lee has been sitting several days as a Commissioner in the former Sheriff Jesse Cordle tax matter. It will be remembered that when the office of Sheriff was declared vacant suit was brought against his bondsmen, the Maryland Indemnity Company, to recover. The company sued the Sheriff, and the whole matter was referred to Judge Lee, who is holding daily sessions in the office of Sullivan & Stewart. Cordle is represented by M. S. Burns, A. J. Garred and Sullivan & Stewart. The county's interests are looked after by G. W. Castle, and the bonding people are represented by O'Neal & Carter.

### Serious Accident.

Henry Short was brought to the King's Daughters' Hospital, Ashland, Saturday in a serious condition from injuries sustained while at work at a sawmill on Georges Creek, near Louisa. He was sharpening a saw when the emery wheel broke, pieces of which struck him on the head, fracturing the skull and cheek bone. The unfortunate man was operated upon by Dr. P. C. Layne and Dr. J. M. Salm, who were obliged to remove a portion of the brain, and the left eye; but despite the serious nature of his injuries, he is resting comfortably, and hopes are entertained for his recovery.—Independent.

### Flinch Club.

This social organization was entertained last week very pleasantly by Mrs. Augustus Snyder. The ladies were out in force, nearly all being present. The games were hotly contested, but the heat was delightfully cooled by the ice and other seasonable and delicious refreshments.

## REV. FRED SHANNON

### Preaches About the Earthquake in San Francisco.

Rev. F. F. Shannon preached in his big Brooklyn church the other Sunday on the San Francisco disaster. Among the other things he said:

"But how can you reconcile such ruin and suffering with a God of love?" In two ways: In the first place, it is not my business to reconcile life's mysteries with God's character. In the second place, it is my privilege, as a Christian, to accept them, believing that 'all things work together for good to them that love God.' Socrates was Christian enough to believe that no harm could befall a good man in this world or any other. No man who had really saved his life before the earthquake, if Jesus Christ be true, lost his life during the earthquake or after it. His poor body may have been buried in the ruins, and then burned to ashes, but no ruins can sepulchre a soul made alive unto God, and no flames can scorch its garments. Blot out the physical universe, and the soul still lives, or else God and the soul itself have deluded the generations of humanity.

We know that the brilliant young preacher of whom we are all justly proud will pardon us for stepping for a brief moment out of the domain of the press into that of the pulpit and say that in neither of his two ways does he, nor can any other man, reconcile such ruin and suffering with a God of love, or justice. The attempt to do it has driven men and women into infidelity and the madhouse.

Continuing the eloquent preacher said:

"But however divergent the various views of men concerning the providential element, we are all united upon the fundamental lesson: the terrible disaster has emphasized the idea of brotherhood! We have felt that nations no longer lie beyond the seas. They seem to have suddenly stepped oceans to kneel in sympathy at the feet of that ruined city hard by the gates of sundown! England, France, Germany and Italy have called from continent to continent, 'God hath made of one blood all nations of men.' But throughout America what finer spectacle was ever witnessed in the history of humanity, than the manner in which out States, and cities, and towns have responded to San Francisco's cry for help? Every face in the country appears to have turned to the Pacific Slope, looking for some service to render or sympathy to express."

### Mrs. James Wellman Dead.

Mrs. James Wellman died Friday afternoon at 3:15, at her home on the hillside. Mrs. Wellman had only a few days before returned from a week's visit with her daughter, Mrs. Jno. P. Creighton, but on Wednesday seemed to have taken ill again, the end soon coming. She had been sick for some time past, but improved vastly in the last month, and had been down town and out visiting. Her age was 73 years, and she lived a good life as well as a long one, even though death is now a sorrow.

Mrs. Wellman was a faithful member of the M. E. Church, and a beloved family favorite. A husband and four children—namely, Mrs. Silas Patton, Mrs. Jno. P. Creighton, Miss Rebecca Wellman and Fred Wellman—survive her, and mourn the great loss. Mrs. Wellman was the last of her own family to die, as she leaves no sisters or brothers, yet, with faith in the Master, it often advances more contentment to journey to the wonderful Beyond.

The funeral will be conducted from the residence Sunday afternoon, at 2 o'clock—Ashland Independent.

The estimable woman of whom the above was written was Mrs. Flora See Wellman. She was a native of this section and for many years was a resident of Louisa. She lived in the residence now occupied by Mrs. Elizabeth Hatcher. She was a good woman, loved and respected by her numerous relatives and friends. Mr. and Mrs. At Wellman, Mrs. R. E. Lee, Mrs. L. M. Copley and Jeff Wilson, of this place, attended the funeral Sunday.

Several of our amusement-loving people enjoyed the pleasures of the dance at the Pierce & Derrick ball, during a couple of evenings this week.

## Complimentary Words.

The following are some of the kind and appreciated expressions made about the NEWS in its new form:

Ed. S. Hughes, shoe merchant, Ashland, Ky.: "Am glad to see your paper in its new form. I regard it a big improvement, although I did not think that possible with the NEWS, as I have always thought it was the best weekly I knew of. I look forward to its coming as anxiously as to our home paper, and read everything in it, from the Louisa locals to 'Uncle Tip's' Webbsville items. Keep on sending it."

Rev. F. F. Shannon, Brooklyn, N. Y.: "I write to congratulate you upon the new and beautiful dress you have given my highly esteemed friend, the Big Sandy News. It has never seen a day when its editor and owner might not have been proud of it, but with its present journalistic attainments he may be unusually so."

G. F. Friel, Ashland: "Allow us to compliment you in the change in make-up of the NEWS. We think it a splendid improvement."

Locke, N. Y., April 25.

I send my congratulations on the change you have made in your paper. It is the ideal size for a weekly newspaper, and you use good paper and make nice, legible print. It is well worth \$1.00 a year to any farmer in Kentucky. He can come in at night after chores and take the NEWS and sit down and enjoy himself till bed-time reading about his friends and neighbors, besides lots of other information he can get.

I receive the NEWS once a week usually on Monday; and am glad to get it as I am to get a letter from my sweetheart. Success to the NEWS is the wish of C. H. Hayes.

The Big Sandy News of Louisa, came to us in improved form and appearance last week. The News has always been one of two of our favorite Kentucky country weekly exchanges, both being of opposite politics to us, but this does not prevent us observing the true merits of the publications. The editor of the News and the editor of this paper 'set type side by side' way back yonder before the News was thought of, and that was more than twenty years ago, and there exists more than a friendly relation between the two papers although opposed politically. Its prosperity is enjoyed by us with the same cheerfulness as we would should the Goddess of Fortune sidestep our ill luck and embrace us. As a newspaper we wish the Tribune was up to the standard of the News and it could be with proper support. The constituency makes a paper, and a community of business men who refuse to recognize the merits of printer's ink and an array of people who send off and take some cheap, no-count city weekly in preference to their home paper, such unmakes a country weekly. Note how many of Grayson's business and professional men use advertising in either of the two papers published here, yet the papers are expected to note all their successes and perambulations, their improvements and brag on the town to attract the country men to it, and do a thousand other "thanky" jobs from which these same business men indirectly realize profit. How can a paper prosper with such a spirit, and neither of them would have been alive today if they had depended on local support.—Grayson Tribune.

### A Louisian Married.

This morning Frank E. Lent, from Franklindale, Pa., and Miss Lillian Hattie Lowe, of Louisa, were united in marriage by Rev. S. D. Boggs, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cox, of Huntington, sister and brother-in-law of the bride, as witnesses. After the ceremony the party returned to Huntington for dinner at The Florence—Independent.

The bride, a very pretty girl, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Lowe, and the groom is an employee of the company building the Louisa and Port Gap bridge.

Mrs. Dr. J. A. Thompson, who has been some time been at death's door, collapsed and astonished her friends by coming to church today.—Pikeville item.